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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S AGGREGATE TRADE DATA -- DECEMBER --
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SUMMARY: PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA SHOW JAPAN'S
DECEMBER EXPORTS DOWN 6.3 PERCENT AND IMPORTS DOWN 1.1
PERCENT FROM NOVEMBER LEVELS. THIS REPRESENTS SECOND CON-
SECUTIVE MONTH THAT BOTH EXPORTS AND IMPORTS HAVE DECLINED
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ON S.A. BASIS. ON UNADJUSTED BASIS, EXPORTS SHOWED TYPICAL

SEASONAL RISE FROM NOV TO DEC, WHICH AMOUNTED TO 17.1 PERCENT. INCREASES OCCURRED IN EXPORTS IN ALL MAJOR COMMODITIES, WITH CHEMICALS (UP 18.8 PERCENT), METAL AND METAL PRODUCTS (UP 23.4 PERCENT), MACHINERY (UP 13.4 PERCENT), AND TEXTILES (UP 21.1 PERCENT). IMPORTS, UNADJUSTED, INCREASED 5.2 PERCENT FROM NOV; RELATIVELY SMALL INCREASES WERE RECORDED FOR OIL AND OST MAJOR ITEMS EXCEPT METAL ORES AND SCRAP, WHICH DECLINED BY 3.8 PERCENT. JAPAN'S TRADE WITH U.S., NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, INCREASED FROM NOV AS FOLLOWS: EXPORTS (F.O.B.) TO U.S. UP \$60.3 MIL (5.1 PERCENT), AND IMPORTS (C.I.F.) FROM U.S. UP \$70.7 MIL (6.4 PERCENT). END SUMMARY.

1. DEC PRELIMINARY CUSTOMS FIGURES IN DOLLARS (EXCHANGE RATES USED BY MOF IN PRESENTING DATA ARE YEN 300.05 PER DOLLAR FOR EXPORTS AND YEN 300.03 FOR IMPORTS) SHOW GLOBAL EXPORTS (F.O.B.) \$5,969 MIL (YEN 1,791,139 MIL) AND IMPORTS (C.I.F.) \$5,389 MIL (YEN 1,616,802 MIL). SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES SHOW EXPORTS OF \$4,824 MIL (DOWN 6.3 PERCENT FROM NOV, AND IMPORTS OF \$5,150 MIL (DOWN 1.1 PERCENT). EXPORTS TO U.S., NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, WERE \$1,246.2 MIL AND IMPORTS WERE \$1,167.5 MIL.

2. CRUDE OIL IMPORTS ON CUSTOMS BASIS WERE 23.8 MIL KILOLITERS FOR TOTAL VALUE \$1,760 MIL. THIS COMPARES WITH 23.0 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$1,689 MIL IN NOV AND 25.3 MIL KILOLITERS AND \$800 MIL IN DEC 73.

3. DEC 1974 MOF ESTIMATES OF PERCENT INCREASES (CUSTOMS BASIS) IN INDICES OF VALUE, QUANTUM AND UNIT VALUE FROM DEC 1973 ARE AS FOLLOWS: EXPORTS IN VALUE UP 41.5; QUANTUM UP 14.5; UNIT VALUE UP 23.6; IMPORTS IN VALE UP 29.2 QUANTUM DOWN 11.5; UNIT VALUE UP 45.8. EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT AFTER SEASONAL ADJUSTMENTS QUANTUM INDICES CHANGED FROM NV TO DEC AS FOLLOWS: EXPORTS DOWN 8.1 PERCENT AND IMPORTS UP 3.9 PERCENT.

4. DEC DATA FOR JAPAN'S TRADE BY AREA AND COMMODITY WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

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